

this a petition therefor and/or an authorization to charge any needed fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 58 are presently pending in this application. No claims have been amended, added or cancelled

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to continue prosecution of Group I, claims 1-31 and 58. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the non-elected groups, II (claims 32-44) and III (claims 45-57), because they would not require undue searching. If the Examiner maintains the restriction, the Examiner is hereby authorized to cancel the claims of groups II and III (i.e., claims 32-57) without prejudice to their prosecution in a subsequent application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 et. seq. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. Applicant has made a good faith effort to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter.

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